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Folks,

Am glad we can get on now, but equally dissappointed in the settlement terms.

Instead of squabbling about it, the Government is a customer, a LARGE customer of Microsofts.

So... Why not vorte with wallet as well? Think of creative ways to build mandates for software used by the federal and state and local govts that inspire interoperability. That help us all embrace and benefit from standards. Any corruption of a standard must make software from that vendor ineligible for acquisition by MY tax dollars.

Lawyering as an approach may not always work, the wallet might be mightier than the barrister!

Thanks

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P.S. We must face the fact that LInux (aside from being extremely low cost), is a contender for an Operating System, and not the Evil-Flying-Monkey that Redmond would have us believe it to be. Your (.gov) support may turn the tide by refuting the standards-breaking techniques of Microsoft. They deserve to prosper if they do a good service, also deserve to plummet if they transgress the trust of the public.

They have. Force them to loosen their grip... Do the Personal Identity, before MS controls our society.

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Linux is harder to learn but easier to use